

Federal Court



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Statement from the Federal Court in Response to the Canadian Judicial Council's Decision to Review the Conduct of Justice Robin Camp

Ottawa, November 10, 2015 - The Federal Court has issued the following statement concerning the decision by the Canadian Judicial Council (CJC) to review the comments made by Justice Robin Camp in a decision rendered from the bench in 2014 when he was a Provincial Court judge.

The Federal Court welcomes the CJC's review and is pleased that Justice Camp is fully cooperating with that review.

In the meantime, no new cases will be assigned to Justice Camp that involve issues of sexual conduct or any matter that would raise comparable issues. As well, Justice Camp has agreed to recuse himself from any such cases currently assigned to him.

Furthermore, Justice Camp has volunteered to undertake a program of gender sensitivity counseling at his own expense and on his own time in order to understand more fully the implications and significance of his comments before the Provincial Court of Alberta, and he will ensure that he does not make similar comments in the future.

Justice Robin Camp has provided the following personal statement: "I have come to recognize that things that I said and attitudes I displayed during the trial of this matter, and in my decision, caused deep and significant pain to many people. My sincere apology goes out, in the first place, to the young woman who was the complainant in the matter.

I also apologize to the women who experience feelings of anger, frustration and despair at hearing of these events. I am deeply troubled that things that I said would hurt the innocent. In this regard, I am speaking particularly to those who hesitate to come forward to report abuse of any kind and who are reluctant to give evidence about abuse, sexual or otherwise. To the extent that what I have said discourages any person from reporting abuse, or from testifying about it, I am truly sorry. I will do all in my power to learn from this and to never repeat these mistakes."

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